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Home on the range



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Jillian Rea, 10, greets a horse named Pokey. Rea visited the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue Saturday during the sanctuary's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Open House in Ridgeway. The open house raised money for the organization that cares for injured and unwanted ponies and horses.

Taking another look at a medical marijuana facility

➤ Town of Fort Erie to hold second public meeting for new plant

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie will take another look at a pro-

posed medical marijuana facility by hosting a second public meeting.

In a presentation to council Monday night, Fort Erie

resident Fred Bracken said the municipality is the only town in Ontario to "shove down the throats" of its residents a massive medical

marijuana grow-op "only 28 meters away from a residential dwelling."

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The Easter Bunny will hop his way to Fort Erie

➤ Egg hunts planned for Ridgeway, Crystal Beach and Stevensville

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Easter Egg Hunts

Friday, April 18

- Stevensville Garden Gallery: children eight and under, 9 a.m.
- Stevensville Kinettes: United Empire Loyalist Park, 2700 Ott Rd., 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 19

- Crystal Beach Public School: children 12 and under, 11 a.m.
- Village Square: Children 12 and under, noon to 1:30 p.m.

The Easter Bunny has his sight set on Fort Erie with egg hunts planned for Ridgeway, Stevensville and Crystal Beach.

The Ridgeway Business Improvement Area is hosting its inaugural Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19 at the Village Square from noon to 1:30 p.m. Participants are asked to meet under the pavilion.

"It's our first Easter egg hunt so we'll have to see how things go," said egg hunt organizer Sonia van Brussel.

Children ages one to 12 are invited to come out and find chocolate. Egg hunters should keep their eyes peeled for special plastic eggs which contain tickets for prizes.

van Brussel isn't sure how many children will be participating in the egg hunt, but she encourages families to come out. She said she is hoping the event will become a tradition in Ridgeway.

"We have a beautiful facility with the Village Square and we thought it (the egg hunt) would be a great way to get the spring season started in Ridgeway."

Crystal Beach Public School will also host an egg hunt on Saturday at 11 a.m. for chil-

dren 12 and under.

In Stevensville, egg hunting activities will begin a day earlier, on Good Friday.

The Stevensville Garden Gallery has hosted an egg hunt for more than 25 years for children eight and under and it always has a good turnout, said organizer Marianne Tykolis Casey.

Youngsters in search of chocolate should look for three golden eggs. The lucky finders of the golden

eggs will receive a special prize.

The egg hunt is free but donations will be accepted for Community Program Outreach Erie.

The Stevensville Kinettes are also hosting an egg hunt at United Empire Loyalist Park on Ott. Rd. at 11 a.m. for children 12 and under.

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MPP opens constituency office in Fort Erie

Public can reach Wayne Gates at new office inside Douglas Heights Senior Centre

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Keeping his election promise, MPP Wayne Gates has opened a constituency office in Fort Erie.

Gates visited his new home, with NDP leader Andrew Horwath Friday, at the Douglas Heights Seniors Centre in Fort Erie.

"It was a real issue during the campaign," Gates said of not having constituency offices across the Niagara Falls riding.

Gates said he planned on opening offices in Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake in addition to his constituency office in Niagara Falls. The office in NOTL recently opened in the community's public library and it's open every Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"When I campaigned door-to-door, a lot of resi-

MPP Wayne Gates has opened offices in Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake in addition to his Niagara Falls Constituency Office.

Fort Erie
Douglas Heights Senior Centre: 265 High St., Mondays through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 905-871-8868.

Niagara-on-the-Lake
Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library: 10 Anderson Lane, Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call

Niagara Falls
6746 Morrison St., Unit 1, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 905-357-0681.

dents said how hard it was because there isn't easy access to transit to get to Niagara Falls."

Gates is encouraging people to contact him if they require assistance or have any questions.

"I'm hoping if they (the public) need anything from us, they will give us a call, or come by the office to talk to us," he said.

Gates isn't sure why offices haven't been opened in Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake up until now, but he understands there is a great need for the public to have offices across the riding he serves.

"There's a real need in

this particular riding. The Niagara region has the highest unemployment rate in Ontario, and I thought in order to provide the best service, we needed to make sure we had an office in all three communities."

Gates said the office in Fort Erie was set up last week and it will be open from Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gates said he encourages the public to visit both offices in Fort Erie and NOTL as they are accessible by public transportation.

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NDP leader Andrea Horwath and MPP Wayne Gates celebrated the opening of Gates' new constituency office in Fort Erie on Friday afternoon. The new office at Douglas Heights Senior Centre will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Resident dreams of a film festival

Linda Randall hopes to see Fort Erie become home to an international film festival



Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Linda Randall

Linda Randall thinks Fort Erie should become home to a renown film festival and she hopes to see it come to fruition.

The Fort Erie resident, who writes blogs about everything from travel, to restaurants and film, calls herself 'The Idea Girl'.

"I'm involved in promoting short films, trailers and music videos as a blogger," Randall said.

Randall has attended films at the Toronto International Film Festival and she believes a festival similar in size could be held in her hometown.

"I have been to TIFF and stood on a red carpet. I saw how crowded it was and I thought it would be cool to have something like it in the Niagara region."

Looking around town, Randall said she thinks Fort Erie has plenty of places to show screenings of films such as the Fort Erie Race Track, the Leisureplex Banquet Hall, Garrison Little Theatre or the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

She said she'd like to see Fort Erie become involved in the Niagara Integrated Film Festival which runs in June 19 to 22.

"I'm not sure if in the future NIFF might want to expand," Randall said.

"But I think we could put south Niagara on the map

and we could see a festival run from Fort Erie to Welland," she added.

The Toronto International Film Festival draws crowds of about 300,000 people or more flock to Toronto.

"I think we would be able to grow to about five times bigger by hosting a large film festival across the Niagara region."

Randall is asking people who are interested in trying to start a film festival to contact her by e-mail at ideagirlcanada@outlook.com.

She said she'd like to generate enough interest with the hope of seeing Fort Erie host a film festival in the next two years.

To view Randall's blog visit online at www.theideagirlsays.wordpress.com or linda-randall.com.

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Take part in Earth Month

Although it certainly doesn't feel like it, spring has finally arrived.

The animals that made their way south for the winter are returning and more people will be headed outside to enjoy the weather.

The snow, for the most part, has melted, and unveiled coffee cups, paper and other garbage that was tossed during the winter months.

It's unfortunate that garbage is even found left on the ground. But it happens, and now is the time to make a difference in the community by picking it up.

With warm weather on the way, why not take the time to go outside and clean up all of the garbage that has been left behind?

There are a number of groups and organizations who plan on heading outdoors over the next couple of weeks to clean up the community. One of those clean-ups will take place on Saturday at the Sugar Bowl from 10 a.m. to noon and the public is invited to come out and help.

If more people work together to clean up Fort Erie and its rural area, we can all make Fort Erie a beautiful place to

live. By picking up trash, we are protecting our environment from pollution and preserving it for future generations.

It's important to ensure garbage is recycled and properly disposed of because it directly affects the health of the environment. Throwing garbage on the ground can also be dangerous for animals looking for scraps of food because they could choke on it.

Keep in mind how many times fish have been caught in those pieces of plastic that hold your favourite pop or beer cans, which can easily be recycled and picked up weekly.

I think of all that garbage that accumulates on your daily drive, with almost nowhere to go. Some stores will sell small, portable garbage containers which you can use, until you can dispose of your garbage at home.

Litter is avoidable if we all pitch in. For other things, don't forget about donations and recycling. Visit the town's website, or call them if you have items that aren't normally thrown out or need to be disposed of properly, making sure that they don't hurt the habitats of our nearby woodland friends.



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Emma Chambers who phoned in to identify the executive of the 1981 Willoughby Historical Society in last week's photo.

Seated from left are Wilfred T. Hicks, Ted Lees, and Zettie Mae Miller; standing from left are Jackie Glen, Clara Ruch and Rita Somerville.

Corinne Bird told us that her grandfather, Wilfred

Hicks was a machinist by trade and used to repair the machinery for the Historical Society. The photo was taken in the Willoughby Township Hall (now the community centre) on Sodom Rd.

Thanks as well to the anonymous 'little bird' who phoned in about the previous week's photo of the golfers. Ed Denham is on the far

left and Bob Passero is on the far right.

Just in time for Easter, this week's photo was taken at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Does anyone recognize either of the clergy in the photo?

Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

letters to the editor

TASC members put on excellent show

Dear Editor,

My husband, Bob, and I were fortunate enough to be in the audience during the Saturday night performance of A Night at the Movies performed by members of Therapy and Alternatives for Special Children and Adults with Disabilities.

What an exciting night, it was.

We were spellbound as we were treated to songs and dances performed by alternately-abled individuals from little ones, right up

to young adults.

Everything was awesome, from the music and lighting, to the special effects and the audience participation.

We both agreed that what inspired us, was the utter joy that emanated from the actors.

They were laughing and smiling from ear to ear as the audience went wild.

I know there were a lot of proud parents and grandparents in the audience and I know that I had a lump in my throat.

I am so impressed at the youth volunteers. They also deserve recognition for a job well done.

Most importantly, we want to thank Walter

Deveau and Nancy Kacur, who were the masterminds behind the production. Their hard work, patience and people skills really paid off. We're already looking forward to next year.

Charlene Heckman
Fort Erie

Tax money should be spent on community events, not the race track

Dear Editor,

I am totally flabbergasted that the Town of Fort Erie's council — elected to do what's best for the town and all its businesses and residents — would put more money on a losing proposition as noted in an article in the April 3 edition of the Fort Erie Times.

Why do we continue to fork over more good money when that business is dying and no longer viable?

Like everyone in this town who pays taxes, we work hard for our money.

We live within our means and continue to support this town. However, did anyone ever bother to ask the people who pay those taxes where they'd like

their money to go? No.

No one has ever asked. I don't want my hard-earned money to go toward a practically bankrupt business. I'd rather see that money go toward creating some kind of real, viable businesses in this town, or fund some type of family or community-based events that will bring tourism to this town.

Let's fund some music festivals, outdoor movie theatres in the park, anything at all that people can feel good about recommending family and friends to come visit.

Horse racing is not it, and it hasn't been for a while.

It's bad enough that we

are the laughing stock of the province but enough really is enough.

Let's get the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation and its general manager to do some real work in bringing businesses to town — something he doesn't seem to have done.

As the saying goes, quit beating a dead horse.

Mary Tibollo
Fort Erie

opinion page

Residents share stories of their travels to Amsterdam and Budapest

We have all seen the advertisements, but who has gone beyond the dreaming stage of a European river cruise?

Recently retired local residents Rod and Laurie McDowell travelled from Amsterdam to Budapest along the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers, and returned from their trip with stories of the history, culture and food of the regions, and pictures of Schlosses (castles), locks and more.

They will share their experiences on Wednesday evening, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library.

Travel guides for Europe



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

in book format or on DVD, music of the Strauss family, histories of the area's architecture, art and politics are all available at the library to help set the mood.

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This is a marvelous week for movies at the library, with August: Osage County playing this evening at 6:30 p.m. and The Hobbit: the desolation of Smaug showing on Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

The great film habit continues next week when Osage County encores at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday afternoon, and on Thursday evening at the Centennial branch when Judi Dench and Steve Coogan star in Philomena, based on an amazing true story originally reported by

BBC journalist Martin Siskind.

The Magic Treehouse Club for Grades 1 and up, knitting for young people and Born to Read for babies and their caregivers are all Thursday features at the library. The Harry Potter Club will meet at the Centennial branch on April 23 at 4 p.m. to brew up a batch of Butterbeer.

The Magic Treehouse Club activities are based on the popular books about Jack and Annie in the series by Mary Pope Osborne while the Harry Potter Club activities are, of course, based on a famous boy wizard's adventures in the bestselling

books by J.K. Rowling.

Therapy Tails is a wonderful time for children who may be reluctant readers or socially shy to gain confidence by reading to a devoted, non-judgmental audience of one: a dog.

The Therapy Tails volunteers bring in dogs that have had special training to sit quietly and enjoy the companionship of a child. Drop in on Saturday, April 26 between 2 and 3 p.m. for this free program.

Teen Lounge is a super time for students in Grades 6 and up to enjoy music, video games, friends and food, all for free.

The next Teen Lounge will be at the Centennial branch on Thursday, April 24 at 3:30 p.m.

A reminder that all branches of the Fort Erie Public Library will be closed on April 18 and 21.

All branches are open on April 19. New hours, including Mondays at Crystal Ridge and Stevensville branches, and Fridays at Crystal Ridge, begin on Monday, April 28.

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Brimstone Brewing Company featured in innuagral Beertuberoopolooza

As we are finally seeing sunnier days, the guys at Brimstone Brewing Company are working feverishly on setting up the new brewing equipment and starting on the patio.

In midst of all the hustle and bustle, the brewery was part of the Real Canadian Craft Beer Fest in Niagara Falls a couple of weeks ago. Exciting times.

The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts and Brimstone Brewing Company are very proud to be part of the first Albino Rhino Craft Beer Festival 2014—also known as Beertuberoopolooza—on April 19 from noon to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 for three drink tickets and a glass. Drink tickets are \$1.50 after



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Nadine Foersterberg

that.

Now, I would like to give you little more background information about the motivation behind the event.

The Niagara Region has been developing a great Craft Beer movement with four craft breweries and of course the Niagara College Teaching Brewery.

What could be better than

having a very local and very exciting beer festival showcasing what has been accomplished in our beer barrels?

And that is where the guys behind the Albino Rhino Beer Festival are coming in.

"We thought a festival focusing on local business, and local beer, and the people behind both was exactly what was needed," they said.

And it looks like it will be a great success. Tickets are flying off the shelves—so to speak. If you have not received yours, you'd better hurry.

After the Beer Festival is wrapped up, the guys from our beloved Grateful Dead cover band Rose Garland will pick up the slack.

Tickets for that are \$10. I am so looking forward to

some great music and the peaceful atmosphere that comes along with it.

Good times. If you have attended one of the Beertuberoopolooza—the really is a mouthful—save your ticket stub and save \$5 at the door.

Do you have a love for the bizarre and let's say freakish? Well, we have just the thing for you. On April 26, Magicians and daredevils The Great Orbx and Sweet Pepper Klopek bring on as The Monsters of Schlock will have you laugh and wonder just why one would want to do the crazy things they love to do to themselves and each other.

Sweet Pepper Klopek holds the Guinness World Record for releasing 40 mouse traps on his tongue in

one minute, while The Great Orbx made the cut for performing the furthest and heaviest truck pull through inserted hooks in his back. Ouch!

Together, they share the world record for the most consecutive shots to the head with cookie sheets by two people in one minute—53 sheets to be exact.

I can't wait to see what The Monsters of Schlock have in store for us.

Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show will start at 9 p.m.

On a different note, we would like to thank Deanna Spencer-Walker and her amazing team of volunteers for a wonderful four Vagina Monologue performance on April 12. Also, a big thank you to all the patrons who came out and supported the

fundraiser so generously. What a great event.

Thank you to The Fort Erie Arts Council and The South Niagara Artist Group for putting together a lovely exhibit for the month of April. The work is stunning!

For more information on opening hours for the gallery, please contact the Fort Erie Arts Council.

Please visit www.thesanctuaryarts.org or follow us on Facebook to stay in the loop.

Nadine Foersterberg is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

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Story of Crystal Beach ice caves captured on video

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Thousands descended upon Crystal Beach in February to catch a glimpse of three ice caves which sat along the shoreline.

The ice formations were destroyed by firefighters on Feb. 19 after several reported injuries and concerns for the public's safety.

The phenomenon was something Fort Erie resident Larry Mathewson captured in photos and on film since the beginning of the ice caves' formation.

Mathewson took his camera out on a cold, winter day in January to photograph and record a storm.

"I didn't know my Jan. 7 footage was the beginning of the ice caves," he said.

The phenomenon that created the ice caves is called ice shove, which is the formation of ice that freezes on top of water. As high winds come in, the ice is broken up and the waves pound the ice into shore, pushing it up on top of itself.

After the ice caves were

destroyed, the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts featured more than 15 photographers who had their photos of the ice formations on display until the end of March.

Mathewson said he missed the deadline to enter his work into the exhibition so he entered several other photo competitions. He also created a video timeline which follows the beginning of the formation of the caves, to when cracks began forming, right until it was destroyed.

The video includes live footage and photos of the ice cave formations.

Mathewson and his wife Nora made a handful of visits to see the ice caves during various times of the day to get different views.

He wanted to share his work because the ice caves were "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" that Crystal Beach may never see again.

The video is available for purchase at the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 402 Ridge Rd. North. The video costs \$10 and photo stills are \$3 each.

Jane Davies, administrator of Fort Erie Museum services, said it was important for the museum to have a record of the ice caves and Mathewson has allowed his work to be archived at the museum for future generations to see.

"It's such a big occurrence and it won't happen again," Davies said.

"We want to make sure we've got it in archives."

For more information, call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322.

Who: Larry Mathewson

What: Has created a video timeline of the formation and destruction of the Crystal Beach ice caves.

Where: The video is available at the Fort Erie Historical Museum, 402 Ridge Rd. North.

Why: To preserve the memory of the ice caves for future generations.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, Nora and Larry Mathewson display images and video they captured of the Crystal Beach ice caves. Both photos and video are available for purchase at the Fort Erie Historical Museum in Ridgeway.

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By Dr. C. Hammond M.D., Ph.D.

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► Pizza Pizza chain celebrates Earth Month by accepting old electronics for pizza slices

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Pull your old electronics out of the drawer, dust them off and trade them in for a slice of pizza.

April is Earth Month and Pizza Pizza chains across the province are celebrating by offering a free slice of pepperoni or cheese to pizza to customers who bring in their old cell phones, computer adapters or ink cartridges to

be recycled.

District manager Iain Cairns said the restaurant chain, including Fort Erie's Pizza Pizza location, has been holding its Slices For Devices initiative for 11 years.

"We do this because we are doing our part to help the communities we serve and our focus is on the environment," Cairns said.

Items that can be donated include cameras, adapters, tablets, iPods and cell phones.

To date, the initiative has diverted more than 8,000 electronic devices from the landfills.

Cairns said electronic waste is a growing issue in Canada. According to Stats Canada, the average Canadian generated about 24 kilograms of e-waste in 2012.

About 80% of electronics aren't properly disposed of

and end up in a landfill.

"I think people are realizing how important it is to recycle their e-waste," Cairns said.

"The event just keeps getting bigger and bigger every year," he added.

The restaurant chain has partnered with Greentree, a world leader in environmental and recycling initiatives, and all of the small devices which are collected will be recycled or refurbished.

Proceeds from the event will go toward local children's hospitals through the Children's Miracle Network. Slices for Devices runs from now until April 31. For more information visit online at www.pizzapizza.ca/earthmonth.

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From left, Iain Cairns, district manager, and Kevin Lai, owner of Pizza Pizza in Fort Erie, invite residents to trade in old electronics for free slices of pizza during the month of April.

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Fort Erie Times

An orange kitten playfully batted at a toy while a black kitten stretched his legs before settling into a bed, Friday afternoon.

It was the first time that about eight of the Fort Erie SPCA's feline residents would be able to play, jump and roam.

"It's the first day that the SPCA has had a free-roaming cat room," said Wendy Trombley, the manager at the Fort Erie SPCA.

The animals will be able to walk freely and play instead of living in a cage until they are adopted.

The change comes as a result of a planned renovation of the animal shelter

Furry critters find room to roam at SPCA

on Jarvis St.

"We're adding about 600 square-feet to the facility and the addition has allowed us to provide a free-roaming cat room," Trombley said.

The new addition to the SPCA will also include another room which will provide space for vaccinations for cats and a comfort room for pet owners to come say their goodbyes to their furry friends, or greet their pets for the first time.

"In this room, people can go and sit with their new pet. It will promote adoptions and the room will be able to make compatible connections for animals to go into a permanent home," Trombley said.

Trombley said she isn't sure of the full cost of the

additions yet.

"I don't have a final amount yet. Right now, we're waiting for variances," she said.

Trombley said the community has been "very supportive," providing cat toys, and shelters for the free-roaming cat room and she is grateful for that support.

Trombley invites the public to visit the SPCA on Jarvis St. to catch a glimpse of the free-roaming cat room and to learn more about the changes to the SPCA's facility.

"If people are interested, they are welcome to come to the SPCA to visit the animals and sit with them," she said.

For more information about the Fort Erie SPCA or to make a donation, call 905-871-2461.

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One of the Fort Erie SPCA's youngest feline residents enjoys the facility's new free-roaming cat room which opened on Friday.

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Niagara native shares story with local connections

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Craig Davidson is the next author featured in the Ridgeway Reads Literary Series.

He will stop by Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School to talk about his book, *Cataract City* on April 25 at 7 p.m.

Davidson said his book is a dark coming-of-age story about two boys growing up in Niagara Falls. Davidson, a St. Catharines native, said the Niagara region is near and dear to his heart.

"I'm living in Toronto now, but most of my books are set in the Niagara horse-shoe, from Thorold, to Welland and Niagara Falls," he said.

"I have an affinity with the area and its people," Davidson said he hopes readers like his novel.

After some thought, and a lot of research, Davidson said he decided to use the Latin name for waterfall in his title for his book.

"I always have a tough time when it comes to titles, but sometimes it jumps out organically," he said.

"Cataract is a nick name

for Niagara Falls. The Latin word for waterfall is *cataracta*."

Although *Cataract* "isn't a well-known nickname" for youth, Davidson said "every so often" people use the nickname to describe Niagara Falls.

Davidson enjoyed writing *Cataract City* because it was a departure from his usual writing style.

"The first part of the book, deals with people in their youth. This is the first novel that I've written that doesn't deal with 20-somethings," he said.

"It was nice to go an opposite way and deal with kids before they became men, and write about the events in the life that shape the adults they would later become."

Davidson explained youth often think "more in black and white" while adults view the world "in shades of gray."

Davidson, 37, published his first book when he was 28. He's worked as an editor, a librarian, and a bus driver. He has spent the last five years professionally writing novels.

Davidson said he is looking forward to hearing what readers have to say about his book at the spring reading series. He encourages readers to ask him many questions about his work.

"Waiting for that first hand to go up is nerve wrecking," Davidson said.

"I love this region and I am hoping people will let me know if they like what I've written, or even if I have done a disservice to the region."

Davidson said he hopes readers who plan on attending the reading series are interested by what he has to say.

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KEVIN KELLY Special to The Times

Craig Davidson will visit Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School on April 25 as part of the Ridgeway Reads Literary Spring Series. The St. Catharines native will talk about his book, Cataract City, which is about two youth growing up in Niagara Falls.

More information about reading series can be found online

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"If anyone hasn't been, or they have been to a literary reading before, I'll do my best not to be boring or stuffy for any one who wants to come," he said.

Davidson said he encourages writers to come and ask him questions about his book, or the art of writing.

He said he is hoping for an open dialogue with local authors.

Tickets for the author

series are \$5 at the door. There is no charge for Ridgeway Reads Literary Members.

The cost is \$25 to become a member of the Ridgeway Reads Literary Society.

For more information about the reading series and upcoming events visit online at www.ridgeway-reads.com.

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Who: Craig Davidson

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Our Focus: Your Future

NOTICE OF PASSING OF A DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW BY THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT, 1997, S.O. 1997, c.27

TAKE NOTICE that on March 31st, 2014, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law 43-2014 under Section 2 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, which imposes Town-wide development charge rates.

What Development is Subject To Development Charges?

The charges in the aforementioned by-law will apply to all new residential and non-residential development, except industrial development, subject to certain terms, conditions and limited exemptions as identified in therein. A key map has not been included in this notice as the Development Charges By-law applies to all lands located within the boundaries of the Town of Fort Erie. There are no industrial development charges in this by-law.

Why Do We Have Development Charges?

Town-wide development charges are levied against new development to pay for the increased capital costs related to the provision of such municipal services as library, fire, parks and recreation, public works and fleet, administration, roads and related, storm water drainage and control, wastewater and water services.

What Are The Rates And When Do They Take Effect?

Schedule 1 below sets out the development charge rates applicable throughout the Town. Non-urban area development charge rates are reduced proportionately and these rates can be obtained by reviewing the Development Charge By-law.

Both the residential and non-residential development charge rates are in effect as of March 31st, 2014.

How To Obtain More Information

Copies of the by-law can be viewed and downloaded at the Town of Fort Erie's website at www.town.forterie.ca. The complete development charges by-law can also be examined at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at the address shown below.

Questions regarding how the Development Charges were determined or when or how the Charges are applied can be directed to:

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services

905-871-1600, ext. 2500

RBrady@town.forterie.on.ca

Requirements For Filing An Appeal

Any person or organization may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect to the by-law by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie, **not later than Friday, May 12th, 2014**, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law or by-laws and the reasons in support of the objection.

For further information, please contact the Clerk's Office at (905) 871-1600.

DATED at The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie this 17th day of April, 2014.

Carolyn J. Kett, Clerk
Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Schedule 1 – Town-Wide Development Charge Rates

Service	Residential Charge By Unit Type				Non-Residential Charge per Square Metre	
	Single & Semi	Multiple	Apartment Sub-Structure	Accessory Structure	Commercial	Industrial
Library Services	\$70	\$56	\$51	\$31	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Protection	\$249	\$202	\$183	\$113	\$1.47	\$0.00
Parks And Recreation	\$1,799	\$1,460	\$1,324	\$815	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Works And Fleet	\$278	\$225	\$204	\$126	\$1.65	\$0.00
Administration	\$152	\$123	\$112	\$69	\$0.30	\$0.00
Roads And Related	\$2,432	\$1,973	\$1,790	\$1,101	\$14.66	\$0.00
Subtotal Town Wide Services	\$4,980	\$4,039	\$3,664	\$2,255	\$18.68	\$0.00
Storm Water Drainage & Control	\$4,137	\$3,356	\$3,044	\$1,873	\$24.95	\$0.00
Wastewater	\$1,888	\$1,532	\$1,389	\$855	\$11.38	\$0.00
Water Supply	\$249	\$202	\$183	\$113	\$1.31	\$0.00
Subtotal Urban Area Services	\$6,274	\$5,090	\$4,616	\$2,841	\$37.84	\$0.00
Total Urban Area Charge	\$11,254	\$9,129	\$8,280	\$5,096	\$56.52	\$0.00



FORT ERIE "EARTH WEEK" APRIL 22ND TO 25TH, 2014

Fort Erie, a Town proud of its past, excited about today and building for tomorrow.

Every April 22nd, in workplaces, schools and communities all across Canada, millions of Canadians celebrate EARTH DAY. EARTH DAY activities teach people how small actions can add up to make big differences in their communities. The Town of Fort Erie has declared April 22 to 25, 2014 "EARTH WEEK" and has further declared April 22, 2014 as EARTH DAY in the Town of Fort Erie.

Fort Erie residents are encouraged to participate in the Town of Fort Erie's organized neighbourhood litter pick-up during "EARTH WEEK". Meet your neighbours, pick-up and bag litter from your yards, neighbourhood Parks, vacant lots, ditches and roadsides.

During "EARTH WEEK" (from April 22 to 25, 2014) please call the Town of Fort Erie at (905) 871-1600 Extension 2466 to arrange for pick-up of the litter bags you and/or your community group has filled.

** TAX NOTICE **

TOWN OF FORT ERIE

2014 INTERIM TAXES

FOR ALL PROPERTY CLASSES

SECOND INSTALLMENT DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014

For further information regarding payment of taxes, please refer to the back of your tax bill.

2014 interim tax bills were mailed on February 7, 2014

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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REQUEST FOR TENDER ASPHALT PATCHING – TOWN WIDE FOR 2014 SEASON CONTRACT NO. ISO-14T-ASPHA

This work includes the application of HL3 HS and HL8 HS, base repairs and asphalt milling, sidewalk and curb repair, etc., on designated roadways, parks, parking lots and other properties or agencies within the limits of the Town of Fort Erie.

Sealed tenders addressed to Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk will be received by the Customer Service Unit (CSU) at 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario until

2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on: FRIDAY MAY 2ND, 2014

All formal competitive bid opportunities are posted at www.biddings.com/forterie and effective April 17th tender documents can either be purchased from the Town Hall, Infrastructure Services upon payment of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents. (\$28.25) or viewed at the Niagara Construction Association Offices located at 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 199/96

APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE

FILE #: 350308-0373

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 45-2014 on the 14th day of April, 2014 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 7th day of May, 2014, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below. No key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown since the by-law applies to all lands within the corporation limits of the Town of Fort Erie. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 45-2014 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by repealing "Section 6.49 Outdoor Patios Associated with Eating Establishments and/or Taverns" and replacing it with the following:

"For any outdoor patio associated with any eating establishment and/or tavern in any zone where such use is permitted, the following provisions shall apply:

- No part of any outdoor patio shall be used as a place of entertainment for the purpose of providing entertainment or amusement of any kind and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, entertainment or amusement includes live or recorded music, dance facilities, theatrical performances, video games, film presentations, video screens or televisions if any part of such patio is located within 60 metres of a Residential Zone. The calculation of such separation distance shall exclude any public road allowance between such zones.
- No part of any outdoor patio shall be located within 20 metres of a residential zone. The calculation of such separation distance shall exclude any public road allowance between such zones.
- No part of any outdoor patio on private lands shall be located closer than 2 metres to any property line or street line where the patio abuts any zone other than a residential zone.
- The seating capacity of the outdoor patio shall not exceed 50 percent of the seating capacity of the eating establishment and/or tavern with which the patio is associated.
- No outdoor patio shall be constructed in a way that would remove on-site parking spaces required by this Zoning By-law.
- No outdoor patio shall be located on any municipal road allowance or any other property owned by the Town unless a valid permit therefor has been issued by the Town."

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE This 17th day of April, 2014.

CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

Beer market booming in Niagara region

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara
Call it invasion of the craft brewers.

If anyone was looking for proof that Niagara is a booming destination for the growing, craft-beer movement, they should look at the April calendar.

There are no fewer than three craft-beer festivals this month in the region.

The Scottishbank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls hosted the inaugural

Real Canadian Craft Beer Festival April 5 and Niagara College's campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake hosted its first Craft Beer and BBQ Festival Saturday.

Next up: The Albino Rhino Craft Beer Festival at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway on Saturday.

With a handful of craft breweries in the peninsula, including a teaching brewery at Niagara College, the festival will focus on local beer.

"Microbreweries are popping up across the whole province—it seems like there are new ones every day," said Olan MacNeill, one of the owners of Niagara Oast House Breweries in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"When you look at Niagara, it's sort of changing from being wine centric into the whole gourmet aspect of restaurants and beer. It's becoming a real kind of destination for the whole package."

Oast has been around for a little more than a year, providing beers, tours, tastings and special events at its Niagara Stone Rd. location.

It was named one of the top five most exciting breweries in and around the Greater Toronto Area by

Toronto Life and was also named the second best brewery to explore in Ontario, behind Steam Whistle, by *Chill* magazine.

MacNeill, who is also the marketing manager for the business, said craft brewers are community minded and enjoy taking part in such festivals as a way to promote one another.

Oast has been part of the first two festivals of the month and plans to be part of the one this weekend.

MacNeill said the festival in Niagara Falls was sold out, and at one point the wait to get in was two hours.

"It was a pretty big turn out, especially for a first-time event."

He said flourishing bars and restaurants include craft beers in their alcoholic menus. Now more than ever people are willing to try different styles of beer.

"The misconceptions and stereotypes are eroding. People are starting to really see how well beer can be paired with food. You're starting to see premium craft beer alongside specialty dishes where you would usually have seen a wine glass."

Craig Youdale, dean of the

Canadian Food and Wine Institute at Niagara College, said craft beer is especially popular among the younger generation.

He said the brewmaster program at Niagara College, which has been around for three years, has "exploded" in popularity.

"We have hundreds of applicants for dozens of spots," said Youdale. "We've had a wait list since we began. We have more on our waiting list than students."

The program currently has 43 first and second-year students. Enrolment will be increased to 56 over the next year, he said.

Niagara College brewmaster Jon Downing said there are three or four more breweries planning to open in the near future. It coincides nicely with the college, which is the only fully licensed teaching brewery in Canada.

Downing came to Niagara in the 1980s and opened the first brew pub in Ontario at the old Atlas Hotel in Welland.

"It's nice to see how (craft beer) has evolved and grown over the years," he said.
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As temperatures begin to finally rise across southern Ontario after several weeks of gloomy weather, many Niagara residents are eager to bring out their summer wardrobe.

However, it doesn't take long before we quickly remember that along with the summer heat comes the return of mosquitoes, spiders, and ticks. In Ontario, most residents are well informed about the illnesses mosquitoes can spread and ways of protecting yourself. But how informed are we about ticks?

There are many different species of ticks; however, the one that is of concern is the blacklegged tick, also known as the deer tick. This sesame seed sized tick can be the host to the bacteria that can cause Lyme disease, which, if untreated, can result in arthritis, heart problems, and various nervous system problems. The American brown dog tick is approximately half a centimeter and has not been shown to carry Lyme disease.

The Niagara region has a high concentration of ticks, especially in the areas surrounding Lake Erie. The Niagara Health Department recommends wearing pants and long sleeved shirts when walking in wooded areas to minimize the chances of a tick bite.

If you notice a tick has attached to your skin, it should be removed immediately by grasping the head with a pair of tweezers and pulling straight up. Do not try to burn the tick off of the skin using a match or lighter. The area should be then be washed with soap and water. If you are unable to remove the entire tick, you should give your doctor a call and they can remove it for you. The tick can be brought to the health department for analysis to see if it was infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Ticks often pick up the bacteria that cause Lyme disease while feeding on infected rodents. However, it should be noted that most ticks are not carriers.

The majority of people who are bitten by ticks do not develop Lyme disease, however if you notice a red bulls-eye rash on the skin, develop a fever, headache or muscle and joint pains, you should seek medical attention. The symptoms typically develop within 1 to 2 weeks of a bite. Lyme disease can often be cured with antibiotics if treatment is started early.

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Infrastructure Services

Spring Street Sweeping

The post-winter cleanup of sand will begin on Town streets as of April 22, 2014 and will continue until the second week of May. The street sweeping operation will consist of mechanical sweepers and water trucks where required, accompanied by Town staff.

Curbed streets within the Town of Fort Erie will be swept.

This sweeping will be conducted in daytime hours with the exception of business districts as detailed below. If you see the sweeping operation in your area, please remove vehicles parked on the roadway. Caregivers and school staff are asked to ensure that children stay clear of this operation.

Business districts will be swept in the early morning hours during this time period. People are asked to refrain from overnight parking on curbed streets in these business areas during this time.

Prior to the sweepers coming through (where sand is still visible on the roadway), property owners are encouraged to sweep sidewalks and driveways onto the road.

For further information, please contact the Operations Division at 905-871-1600, Ext. 2466.

Jurors split on Roseanne Whalen in deliberations

Half of 12 jurors who found Whalen guilty think she should never be eligible for parole

Kareena Walter

QMI Agency Niagara

Half of the 12 jurors who found Roseanne Whalen guilty of murdering her daughter think she should never be eligible for parole.

And none of the jurors think the Fort Erie woman should be given a shot at getting out of jail before serving at least 15 years of a mandatory life sentence.

Judge Robert Reid will make the ultimate decision on parole ineligibility when he sentences Whalen for second-degree murder on June 13 in Hamilton.

Whalen, 25, was found guilty by a jury late last Tuesday night at Hamilton's John Sopinka Courthouse.

Her two-year-old daughter Marissa, who jurors heard was physically abused daily in the final weeks of her life, suffered a fatal injury at the hands of Whalen's girlfriend, Rainbow Hill, on July 29, 2011. Marissa was injured in the bathroom of their apartment at 271 Emerick Ave. in Fort Erie.

While she was dying or already dead, she was hidden from paramedics and police who responded to a 911 call at the address.

Marissa was then buried by Whalen and Hill in a remote location on the Six Nations reserve in Ohsweken, near Brantford. Whalen dug her up five days later to remove a blanket and garbage bag, which were then burned in a bonfire.

She reburied the girl, jumping on a limb to conceal the body.

Marissa's remains were found Oct. 16, 2011, eight days after Whalen's mom reported her granddaughter missing.

The second-degree murder conviction comes with an automatic life sentence of 25 years, with minimum

parole ineligibility ranging from 10 to 25 years.

Jurors in the case were asked to deliberate Wednesday on what they thought the minimum should be.

Reid instructed them to consider the character of Roseanne Whalen, the nature of the offence and circumstances around the offence. They were told they didn't have to come to a unanimous decision, or make any recommendations if they didn't want to.

All the jurors did weigh in, though, with six recommending a minimum 25-year parole ineligibility.

Four jurors recommended Whalen be ineligible for parole for a minimum 18 years, while two recommended a minimum of 15 years.

Whalen, who was bawling Tuesday night before and after the verdict was read, began to cry again when Reid read the jury's

recommendations last Wednesday.

Two of the jurors were visibly upset by Whalen's outcome and were dabbing their eyes with tissues.

"Judging one's fellow is an awesome responsibility," Reid said, thanking the jury for their service.

The group of four men and eight women were plucked from their everyday lives March 17 to sit through three weeks of evidence that was filled with disturbing, intimate and at times gruesome details.

The Crown argued Whalen put her child in harm's way, knowing Rainbow Hill was a threat to her, because she was more interested in having a romantic relationship than in being a mom.

Hill testified on the stand for the Crown that she punched, hit, slapped and force-fed Marissa every day in the last days of her life as Whalen stood by her side.

She claimed the death was an accident, how-ever, and that she dropped Marissa in the bathtub.

Hill said she personally didn't want another child around because she could barely take care of her own two kids. She said Whalen only wanted Marissa for her government cheques.

Whalen's lawyer Geoffrey Hadfield had argued Whalen was physically abused by Hill and acted out of fear.

There was no evidence that Whalen herself laid a hand on Marissa and the Crown did not allege she had. But assistant Crown attorney Timothy Hill argued Whalen knew Rainbow was a clear and present danger to Marissa

and that her own actions, omissions and negligence caused the death "just as surely as if she'd beaten the child to death herself."

Rainbow Hill pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in a Welland courtroom June 28, 2013. She received a life sentence with parole ineligibility for 12 years, a fact the Whalen jury was not privy to when it made its parole ineligibility recommendation.

Her sister, Amanda Dipota, who helped bury the body, pleaded guilty to accessory after the fact to murder and received three years, four months and two days.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Inspirational speaker Tom McKee attended the Town of Fort Erie's inaugural Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation Event last Thursday to address 18 of the Town's volunteer boards and committees about the importance of giving back to the community.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie resident Robert Taggart is the proud new owner of a Toyota Corolla Sport. He won the car during the RRRoll Up the Rim to Win contest at Tim Hortons. He was presented with the car Tuesday afternoon at Tim Hortons at 141 Garrison Rd. in Fort Erie.

Fort Erie man wins big during coffee contest

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When Robert Taggart ordered his usual large double-double, he got something extra special with his order.

He won a new Toyota Corolla Sport through Tim Hortons RRRoll Up the Rim to Win contest.

Participants purchased coffee and rolled up the rim

of their cups to see if they won a prize.

Prizes in this year's contest included free coffee, treats and gift cards.

"I never thought something like this would happen, and it will never happen again," Taggart said.

The Fort Erie resident went through the drive-thru at the Tim Hortons near Crescent Park and ordered two coffees when he was

given the winning cup.

Store owner Rick Strom said there hasn't been anyone from the greater Fort Erie area that has won a car in the last five years.

"There was a winner in Crystal Beach a long time ago, and there was another winner many years ago that purchased a winning cup at our former double-lane drive-thru," he said.

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Volunteer recognized for her efforts

In the April 10 edition of the Fort Erie Times, 11 volunteers were honoured for their volunteer efforts in the community.

Incorrect information appeared in the article about Kay Green.

In the category of Education, this year's Volunteer Recognition Award goes to Kay for her contributions to adult literacy in Fort Erie.

Kay has been an active volunteer with the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie, which provides basic and family literacy programs in the community for

over a decade.

Kay developed the ALC's computer literacy program and has served as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the past 5 years.

Kay cares deeply about the world that is left for the next generation to inherit.

Over the years, she has acted in line with that commitment through serving on the board of directors with Habitat for Humanity Niagara, as the founding CEO of a political party's Electoral District Association, on various town committees and part of the advisory committee for the Fort Erie



Kay Green

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Rob Wiebe celebrated the opening of his new fitness centre, Wiebe's Fitness Revolution, on Saturday by donating \$100 each to Community Program Outreach Erie, the Fort Erie SPCA and the Children's Miracle Network. From left, are councillor Rich Shulak, Robyn Voyce, Danielle Brigantino, Rob Wiebe and his wife Dianne Wiebe.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Peace Bridge Public School's junior girls basketball team celebrated its first region championships. They defeated all the local public schools in greater Fort Erie and move on to compete in the District School Board of Niagara Tournament. From left are Blandine Cadet, Nikita Somodi, Jacy Bacon, Guersmine Exrme, Carmen Burke, Beth Pearson, Ryan Morn, Theodora Mollicone, Amanda Li, Rachel Dobbie, Julianne Bowles and Yas Sister.

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Beach, Saint Michael, Saint Paul and Westlane.

Centennial, Notre Dame and Vanier will be playing home games at Welland Stadium, Lakeshore and Port High will be playing at the field next to the former Westside Arena while Crossley will be hosting games at Harold Black Park on Halst St. in Fonthill.

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DAVID KAMATOVIC Special to The Times
In this action shot, Matt Woehl competes in last year's annual District School Board of Niagara High School Hockey Boys All-Star Game. The DSNB is hosting its annual tourney tonight, with the puck dropping at 4 p.m. at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

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Bouquet for youth
A bouquet for the young group of people I saw cleaning up the park the other day. It is so refreshing to see young people care for the environment and to clean up a mess that so many people leave behind. I applaud you for your efforts to beautify the community. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Bouquet for carless drivers
A brick for all the people that speed down the main highway in Fort Erie. Don't you realize that you could cause someone to be hurt because of your careless driving. Shame on all

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Bouquet for kind motorist
A bouquet for the driver I saw

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Ronald Huffman

The family of the late Ronald Huffman would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who shared in our loss. Thank you to all of our friends, neighbours and family who attended Florida Celebrations and family who gave us very special cards, flowers, food and donations. They were a great comfort to us all. We would like to extend a very special thank you to David Simons for your strength in sharing a wonderful meal story with us during his celebration of life service. Thank you to the Beachcombers Services for allowing us the use of the hall and for preparing and serving all the food. It was much appreciated. We are so blessed to have you in our lives. Fun would have been done for us. Thanks again for all you did for us. Sincerely, Linda, Elizabeth, Michelle, Ron, John, Peter and families.

ATREO, Georgena - Heaven has another angel! Suddenly on Thursday April 10, 2014, Georgena, was taken to be with her father Fred Bongelli. She leaves behind her mother Eleonore, sister Denise, loving companion Clyde Threlfall, sons Cory (Melanie), Adam (Janette), grandchildren Sydney, Keith, Dylen and Ciera. She will also be missed by Heather and many friends, aunts and cousins. A celebration of her life will be held at the Ridgeway Logion No.230, on Saturday April 26th, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. If desired donations can be made to the Adult Literacy Association. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL SERVICES, (905)894-0120**

BROWN, Lawrence George - On Monday April 14th, 2014, Lawrence peacefully passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Beloved husband of Carolyn for 46 years; dear father of Elsie (Marcel), Gordon (Alexandra), David (Gloria) and Lisa, cherished grandfather of eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Brother of Betty, Elsie, Raymond and Ronnie. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Rd. N. Ridgeway** entrusted with private funeral arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

BURTON, Jim - At Greater Niagara Hospital on Saturday April 12, 2014, with his loving family at his side, Jim, in his 79th year, loving husband of Donna, proud of his grandchildren Brandon, Cameron, Garrett, Lacey, Loraine. In their hearts Brandon & Lacey were with their Pop. At Jim's request cremation has taken place & a celebration of Jim's life will be held at a later date. Special thanks to Gary & Vicki who were always there for Jim. **ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES (905) 894-0120.**

TINNEY, Barbara Kim - Barbara passed away unexpectedly on Monday April 14th, 2014 at the Erie County Medical Centre in Buffalo, New York. Loving wife of James. Proud mother of Michael. Barb is the cherished daughter of Dorothy (the late William) Bazosky and the sister of William (Shelia). She will be forever remembered by her nieces, nephews, many wonderful friends and extended family. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES, 1105 Benner Ave.** entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 17th from 8 pm until the time of a service to celebrate Barbara's life will be held at 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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BEAM, Marietta - Of Ridgeway passed away peacefully at Crescent Park Lodge on April 11th, 2014 at the age of 88. Beloved mother of Pam McInnes (Doug Bole), Mary Dearborn, Debbie (Gord) Walls, Julie Holmes (Rob Leach), and Laurie Beam. Also survived by 12 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grand child. Predeceased by her parents Edward and Mary Foegen and her only son, U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Patrick Dearborn. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Rd. N. Ridgeway** entrusted with arrangements. A celebration of life was held in the chapel on April 16, 2014 at 11am. Her family wishes to extend their appreciation to the staff at Crescent Park Lodge for taking good care of our mother. We would also like to thank all of Mom's friends and family for making her life a wonderful journey. Memorial donations may be made to the Fort Erie SPCA.

HESSER, Clayton - Clayt passed away at Maple Park Lodge 6 months before his ninety second birthday. Beloved husband of Mary Proud father of David (Susan) and Greg (Sandy). Sadly missed by granddaughters Christine, Erin (Ntare) and Kristian (Michael) and great grandchildren Erich, John, Duncan, Asante, Amari, Connor and Jesse and great great grandson Jackson. He will be sadly missed by his neighbours the Totis and Johnston and his little dog Pylee. Clayt is predeceased by his brother Jerry and his sisters June Savage, Charlotte Teed and Carolyn Clementhage. Born in Ridgeway, he served in the Royal Canadian Artillery and was a long term employee of the Canadian Niagara Power Company. A proud supporter of the S.P.C.A., the Salvation Army and World Vision. Cremation has taken place. Friends are invited to join with the Family at Old Ridgeway Cemetery (Fair Ave. and S. Mill St.) on Saturday April 26th, at 11 o'clock. Interment will be followed by a luncheon at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES 722 Ridge Rd. N. in Ridgeway** where everyone is encouraged to stand to share memories and refreshments.

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